



**BOYS' WEEK OBSERVED HERE . . .** Torrance high school lads took over important civic jobs on Monday as part of the observance of Boys' Week. Shown pictured on the City Hall steps are the following: Boys' City Engineer Charles Ringle, Boys' City Judge Kenny Kesson, City Judge John A. Shidler, Boys' Chief of Police Don Teske, Acting Chief of Police F. J. Schumacher, Boys' Mayor Bill Johnson, Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr., Boys' Fire Chief Neal Silence, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, Boys' Chamber of Commerce Secretary Jack Hewelling, Boys' City Attorney LeRoy Schwenk, Boys' Torrance Herald Editor Ralph George, Managing Editor Frank S. Selover of the Herald. (Torrance Herald photo.)

## City Receives \$3796 From Vehicle Funds

State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel today announced the apportionment of \$4,699,602 of motor vehicle license fee ("in-lieu" tax) collections to the cities and counties of California covering the nine-months' period ended March 31, 1946. One-half of this amount, or \$2,349,801, went to the 58 counties, and an equal amount to the incorporated cities and counties in the State.

The amount apportioned to cities and counties, said Kuchel, is allocated to them individually in the proportion which the population of each such city or county bears to the total population of all such cities and counties in the State.

The County of Los Angeles received \$47,888.75 in incorporated cities received \$1,083,830.92 of the total; and the following amount was paid to Torrance: \$3,796.59, based on a population of 9,950. The population of Torrance now is estimated at more than 15,000 persons, and on that basis the city should have received approximately \$6,000 from this source, it was said.

A total of \$9,103,670 in "in-lieu" taxes was collected during the nine-months' period. From this amount, Controller Kuchel was required by law to withhold and transfer to the State's General Fund \$3,220,375 to cover the current year's requirements for interest and redemption of the three issues of State High way bonds.

## NEW NAME PICKED FOR NAVY PLANT IN THIS CITY

The Navy Military Redistribution Center, Torrance, California, has been redesignated as follows: "U. S. Naval Storehouse, Torrance, California."

The current address of the Center, 2201 Washington avenue, Torrance, and the telephone number, Torrance 1352, will remain the same, according to Cmdr. Geo H. Happ (SC) U. S. N. R., officer in charge.

## PURPLE HEART VETS

Most employees of the Veterans Administration are veterans, and 60 percent wear the Purple Heart.

## Whole Program For Welcoming Home Veterans Will Be Realized—Tolson

The initial mammoth celebration, primarily designed to welcome home the heroes of World War II, embracing the entire Torrance trade area and the Harbor District generally, will be realized according to a statement from President and General Chairman William H. Tolson, who devised the plan and spearheaded the organization.

"The success of this first annual five-day celebration will serve to guide us in our preparations for future years," stated Tolson. The details for the more than fifteen major events are now being worked out, concessions being arranged, and portions of the lengthy program being assigned to the appropriate local organizations. More than three thousand invitations are being mailed out to industries and commerce to participate in the expositions, which are to be housed in huge tents in downtown Torrance. Citizens and visitors will have an opportunity to view the latest improvements made in postwar goods.

Veterans will be admitted to all attractions without charge, as the guests of the City of Torrance. Featured among the numerous shows will be an aerial circus and aviation exposition at the Torrance Municipal Airport, Friday and Saturday, July 6th and 7th. The leading airlines, aircraft manufacturers, parts manufacturers, and associated industries will exhibit their products, and one of the finest aerial circuses ever to perform in the United States has been arranged to thrill the crowds.

John P. Stripling who is arranging the mammoth aerial circus, has secured some of the nation's outstanding acrobatic stars Tony Le Vier, chief engineering test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft, and Sammy Mason, internationally known and who has won many first place trophies for his amazing acrobatics, both of whom have contracted to perform their greatest acts at "eye-level" altitudes.

Le Vier will fly his special P-38, performing acts heretofore unthought of at aerobatic gatherings. Mason will perform in a special Stearman, powered by a 450 h.p. Wasp engine, and promises to "cut" all grass growing (Continued on Page 7-A)

## COUNTY EFFORT TO CLAIM AIRPORT REVEALED AS CITY PREPARES TO TAKE CONTROL

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby informed Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr. Tuesday that the County of Los Angeles is not interested in acquiring the Torrance Army airport for county operation.

## Open Rubbish Burning To Be Banned In County

There will be no open rubbish dumps in Los Angeles county, and the incinerators which the County of Los Angeles proposes to build with bond issue money will be of the smokeless, odorless type and will be in-keeping with the requirements of the State Health Department, said Supervisor Raymond V. Darby Friday.

One of the 11 incinerators which the county will build will be constructed in the area just east of Torrance, Darby said.

They will be self-supporting, with cities, corporations and individuals required to pay certain sums for the privilege of using them.

Darby declared that as soon as the county can legislate the open rubbish dumps out of existence, it will do so, and thus a source of nuisances and the health menace that the dumps constitute will be eliminated.

## COUNTY TO CHARGE TRAVEL BUREAUS \$100 LICENSE FEE

The Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting instructed County Counsel to prepare an amendment to the existing license ordinance which would require travel bureaus operating in unincorporated territory to be licensed at an annual fee of \$100.

This will provide supervision by the Sheriff's Office over all transportation agencies, including those providing motor transportation back east, against which there have been serious complaints because of failure of the bureaus to live up to the contract with the passenger. It is estimated that the \$100 fee will cover the Sheriff's added expense in investigating and supervising these agencies.

## American Legion Will Conduct Initiations Here

The Torrance American Legion Post 170 has announced an initiation for May 7, at 8:00 p. m. in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. All members, who have not been initiated are urged to be present for the ritual, James Brodie, commander, said.

The ritual team of South Bay Post 184, Redondo Beach, will conduct the ceremonies, to which the public is invited. Refreshments will follow the initiation, Brodie said.

## MERCHANTS PONDER PROBLEMS

A study of the downtown parking problem and control of rubbish in the retail business area of Torrance were among the issues discussed at a breakfast meeting of the merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday morning at the Sports Club cafe.

An outline of the parking plans followed by other Southland cities was presented by

A bit of irony was added to the Merchants meeting yesterday by the Torrance Police Department. Harry M. Abramson, proprietor of the National Home Appliances Co. discussed with fellow merchants the advisability of store operators and their employees parking their cars outside the retail zone in order to make room for customers. But when he returned to his store after the meeting, he found a patrolman fastening a police ticket to his car for over-parking, — that the car was standing right in front of Abramson's store. "Too bad, we have to learn the hard way, Harry," commented a neighbor merchant.

Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. While a permanent solution of the parking problem will be left to a committee which is to make an exhaustive study, it was suggested that immediate relief could be gained if merchants and their employees would park their automobiles beyond the present two-hour parking zone, thus leaving the curb areas adjacent to the (Continued on Page 7)

## Walteria P.O. To Move To New Quarters

Walteria's postoffice is being evicted from the Tuttle pharmacy on Hawthorne Blvd., and will be moved to premises of St. Helen's Gasoline Co. at Newton St. and Hawthorne Blvd., it was revealed this week.

The space taken up by the postoffice in the pharmacy is required for expansion of the store, it was explained.

Meanwhile, plans are reported to be progressing toward the construction of a new building for the postoffice on property owned by James Loughridge.

Partitions which were placed in circulation recently in Walteria calling for the establishment of service there through the Torrance postoffice are reported to have been withdrawn from circulation due to pressure from those desiring to maintain separate Walteria identity.

Improved service, direct delivery with Torrance, carrier and unification of all Torrance mail service would result.

Under the proposed plan present employees at the postoffice in Walteria would have been blanketed in under Civil Service and Walteria would have retained its designation as the "Walteria Branch" postoffice, it is said.

## Torrance Beach Will Be Converted Into County Park Ultimately—Darby

Torrance beach will be converted into a county park, the shoreline rehabilitated and auto parking space provided on the high bluffs whether or not one of the \$3,000,000 county model recreation areas is built there.

This was the assurance given by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to the Torrance Herald when he visited this city to discuss a number of county projects in which Torrance is involved.

He said that the county is having a difficult time securing the property involved, already tax deduced to the state, but that the desired ends will be accomplished. The principal thing that has interfered with the establishment of the model recreation area there is the recent leasing for 10 years of the Hollywood Riviera club which was to have been a part of the county's big play plan. No opposition is being voiced to the plan to build the two



**PARKING PLAN SURVEYED . . .** Boys' Week Chamber of Commerce Secretary Flewelling, center, explains to Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr., left, and President Reed H. Parkin of the chamber, right, the Beverly Hills plan for off-street parking—suggested for use in Torrance. The situation here is ideal, it is said, due to the fact that each block is crossed in two directions by alleys.

## HARVEY MACHINE CO. TO MARK OFFICIAL OPENING OF LOCAL PLANT WITH 'OPEN HOUSE'

The Harvey Machine Co. recent lessee of the former Bohm Aluminum and Brass Co. plant at 190th St. and Western Ave. will officially take over the plant Friday at 3:00 p. m., at which time a gala "open house" has been planned with Torrance and Los Angeles dignitaries in attendance.

The "open house" will be attended by Representative Cecil R. King, Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr., Torrance, Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Los Angeles, Clarence Beesemeyer, who will speak in behalf of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and countless others representing Torrance and Los Angeles will be guests of the new owners.

Anticipating operation within the next 30 days, with eventual employment of more than 1200, the Harvey Machine Co. will go into the manufacture of bars and rods of special shapes made from brass and aluminum, a spokesman said. This, making available the raw materials, will create employment for a secondary group of more than 15,000, it was announced.

More than 1,000 unfinished homes in the Los Angeles area alone, idle due to building materials, will be aided by the local plant when operations begin, the spokesman declared. Making available the raw materials here will release countless westerners from the eastern markets and will greatly expedite much needed building, proposals reveal.

The "open house" program will consist of a tour through the plant conducted by company officials who will make known the company's plans for future operations in the new plant. Refreshments will be on hand for those attending, it was said.

When the leasing of the property by War Assets Corporation to the Harvey Machine Co. was first announced, exclusively in the Torrance Herald, it was revealed that the Harvey company would manufacture many (Continued on Page 7)

## Registration Gains, GOP Shows Strength

A total of 5456 voters are qualified in Torrance precincts to cast their ballots in the June 4 state primary elections, according to figures compiled by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett as registrations closed Thursday for the next election.

Crowds thronged the clerk's office all day, Bartlett said, and kept registrars busy well into the night.

A total of 220 persons registered in the period following the closing of books after the Feb. 28 closing of registration up to Thursday night.

A growing strength in Republican voters is displayed in the figures available. It is pointed out. Out of the 220 new registrations, 57 were Republican, or a total of some 30% per cent. The normal Republican strength in Torrance has been as low as 15 per cent in the past, figures show.

## Torrance School Principal In Plea For Teachers

In an appeal for teachers for Torrance Elementary School, Bernard J. Strand, principal, asks that women of Torrance and the surrounding community who have had the equivalent of two years' college training and some teaching experience contact him for interview.

Strand suggests that applicants call at the school, 220th St., at Marina Ave., daily between 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. The beginning monthly salary is \$190.00, he states.

## GRAY VER JONES PLANS TO RETURN TO PEARL HARBOR

Gray Ver Jones, electronics mate, 3/c, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Jones, of 1552 Post Ave., has received his honorable discharge following 25 months duty at Pearl Harbor. Previous to his return Jones was the recipient of a special commendation from his superior officer for service beyond the call of duty.

## \$25,000,000 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SEEN AS BIG DOMINGUEZ TRACT ACQUIRED

Marking the first time that the land has changed hands since the king of Spain granted it to Don Juan Jose Dominguez in 1773, the 236-acre tract of land bounded by 202nd St., 190th St., Western Ave. and Arlington Ave. has been acquired by interests represented by Meryn Teskey, of the Teskey Transportation Co., Los Angeles, as the first step in a program which, it is predicted, will result in the creation there of a new Harbor Industrial Center.

## City's Interest In Western Ave. Is Questioned

The big tract, extending for approximately 4000 feet on Western Avenue and 2500 feet on 190th St., was acquired from H. H. Cotton, president of the Dominguez Estates Co.

Teskey said that it is the plan of his associates to subdivide the area into small industrial sites of five acres or more in size for immediate sale.

According to William H. Tolson, former mayor and at present a member of the City Council of Torrance, who handled the transaction as a realty broker, the development ultimately will mean an addition to the assessed valuation of Torrance of \$25,000,000.

"We predict that this will be the Harbor Industrial Center of all Los Angeles County," Teskey said.

He explained that the Torrance site was acquired because it is in the "white way" between Los Angeles and the harbor district, with these advantages: (1) Low taxes; (2) ample labor supply; (3) three sources of water supply; Torrance city, Metropolitan Water district and Dominguez Water Co. (4) proximity to residence area; (5) served by Santa Fe railroad with Pacific Electric railway spur within one-fourth of a mile; (6) on direct highway routes to Harbor, and improved routing due with the opening of Western Avenue through Torrance; (7) located in the center of a manufacturing area which already has more than 50 basic industries; (8) sewage facilities on the tract, which is a part of County Sanitation District No. 5; (9) high power electric transmission lines on the property.

According to plans for development of the industrial tract, the area will be divided by a wide street midway between Arlington Avenue and Western Avenue, running north and south. Arlington Avenue will be opened between 202nd or 203rd St. and 190th St., and two spur tracks will be installed so that each factory site has truck loading facilities in the front and rail loading facilities in the rear.

The Harbor Industrial Center, as the tract may be known, will be publicized throughout the United States, and contacts already have been made with prospective buyers of these industrial sites, Tolson said.

The land has been used for agriculture since the day when Don Juan Jose Dominguez received it as a part of his vast grant, in 1773, and it always has remained in the hands of the Dominguez interests.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has assisted in these transactions and other deals for industrial expansion which are pending.

In addition to this, several Japanese families will be transferred to the county for aid and housing, while others will be placed on job housing on the tract and in residences as domestics.

## Early Consideration Of Bus Line's Extension To Inglewood Expected

Early consideration probably will be given by the new City Council to the proposal made several weeks ago to the old council that Torrance Municipal Bus Lines be extended to provide a route to Inglewood, serving North Torrance and the General Petroleum corporation.

Bus Manager C. E. Ward outlined the procedure in a letter to the council and stated that with the addition of three 25-passenger buses and one 43-passenger bus, the City of Torrance can provide one-half hour service in rush periods and hourly service throughout the day.

The bus lines are grossing more than \$12,000 a month now, with frequent schedules to Los Angeles, Lomita, Harbor City, Waltham, the Pueblo and 203rd St., and the Los Angeles line serving Carson St. and Torrance Blvd. to the west.

North Torrance and Hollywood Riviera are the only sections of the city not now served by Torrance city buses, and the plea frequently is heard in the City Council meetings from North Torrance residents for transportation.

Ward's letter to the City Council never was officially brought before the board, but it is on the agenda of unfinished business and likely will be discussed by the council at an early meeting.

Torrance Weather Record		
Official U. S. Weather Bureau		
TEMPERATURE		
April	Maximum	Minimum
24	75	53
25	74	52
26	71	59
27	70	57
28	68	56
29	68	55
30	70	59
PRECIPITATION		Total Year
		6.39